

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MICHELLE LYNN BURNELL,

Plaintiff,

V.

LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD &
SMITH LLP, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-0265JLR

ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL

The court has been informed that Justo González of Stokes Lawrence, P.S., has agreed to accept a limited appointment as pro bono counsel for Plaintiff Michelle Lynn Burnell. Accordingly, the court GRANTS Ms. Burnell's motion for appointment of counsel (Dkt. # 60) and appoints Mr. González as counsel for Ms. Burnell pursuant to this district's plan for court-appointed pro bono representation of civil rights litigants.

See General Order No. 16-20 (Dec. 8, 2020) (the “Plan”). Mr. González’s contact information is:

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7 In accordance with the court's November 7, 2023 order, Mr. González is
8 appointed as counsel "for the limited purpose of preparing for and participating in
9 alternative dispute resolution ["ADR"] pursuant to Local Rule 39.1 and [the Plan]."
10 (11/7/23 Order (Dkt. # 73) (first citing Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 39.1; and then
11 citing General Order No. 16-20).) Mr. González is directed to file a Notice of
12 Appearance by no later than **Thursday, November 30, 2023**. If Mr. González is unable
13 for a reason set forth in the Plan to assume this representation, he shall immediately file a
14 motion for relief from appointment. The court is unable to assure counsel of
15 compensation from any source.

16 In light of this appointment, the court GRANTS Defendants' motion to set aside
17 the remaining pretrial deadlines in this case (Dkt. # 74) and DENIES Defendants' motion
18 to compel (Dkt. # 67) without prejudice. The court VACATES the March 18, 2023 trial
19 date and all pretrial deadlines that had not yet expired when Ms. Burnell filed her motion
20 to appoint counsel on September 20, 2023. (*See* Sched. Order (Dkt. # 49).) The court
21 DIRECTS Mr. González and counsel for Defendants to (1) meet and confer regarding the
22 steps necessary for the parties to prepare for ADR, and (2) file a joint statement that
includes an agreed proposed schedule for preparing for and conducting ADR. Counsel

1 shall file this joint statement by no later than **January 5, 2024**. The court will consider
2 resetting the trial date and pretrial deadlines after the parties complete ADR.

3 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this order to Ms. Burnell and to Mr.
4 González.

5 Dated this 22nd day of November, 2023.

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8 JAMES L. ROBART
9 United States District Judge